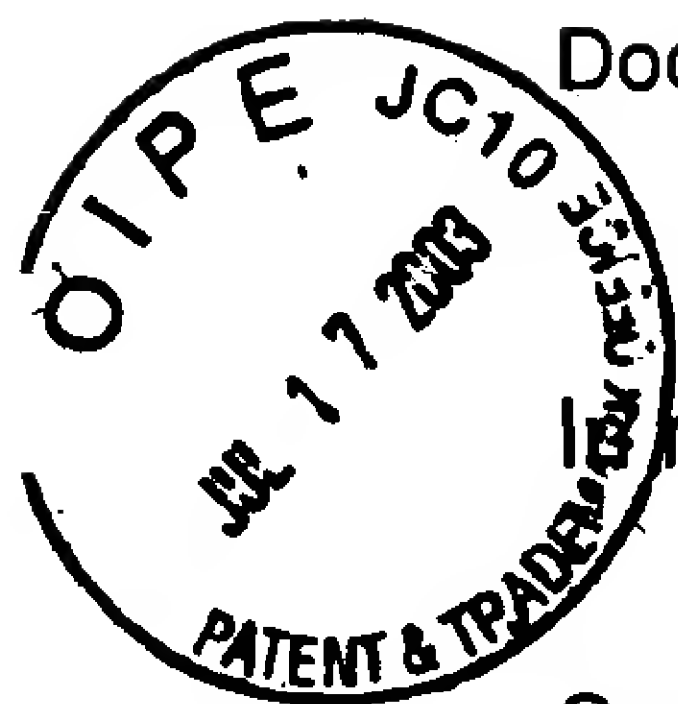


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In Response to the Office Action mailed on April 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks that follow.

In The Claims

1. (currently amended) A polymer-platelet particle composite comprising at least one polyamide, at least one oxygen scavenging system, and platelet particles from at least one layered silicate material, wherein said oxygen scavenging system is selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated hydrocarbons, ~~and with~~ a transition metal catalyst; ascorbate; isoascorbate; sulfite; ascorbate with an oxygen scavenging catalyst; transition metal complex of a polycarboxylic acid; transition metal complex of polyamine; transition metal complex of salicylic acid; a reduced form of a